University of British Columbia CPSC 111, Intro to Computation Jan-Apr 2006 Tamara Munzner	 Reading This Week Reading for next week re-read Chapter 4.1-4.6
Class Design II	
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- Encapsulation: process whereby
 - inner workings made inaccessible to protect them and maintain their integrity
 - operations can be performed by user only through well-defined interface.
 - aka information hiding
- Hide fields from client programmer
 - maintain their integrity
 - allow us flexibility to change them without affecting code written by client programmer
 - Parnas' Law:
 - "Only what is hidden can by changed without risk."

Recap: Designing Classes

- Blueprint for constructing objects
 - build one blueprint
 - manufacture many instances from it
- Consider two viewpoints
 - client programmer: want to use object in program
 - what public methods do you need
 - designer: creator of class
 - what private fields do you need to store data
 - what other private methods do you need





Separation and Modularity

- Design possibilities
 - Die and RollDie as separate classes
 - one single class that does it all
- Separation allows code re-use through modularity
 another software design principle
- One module for modeling a die: Die class
- Other modules can use die or dice
 we wrote one, the RollDice class
- Modularization also occurs at file level
 - modules stored in different files
 - also makes re-use easier

Control Flow Between Modules

- So far, easy to understand control flow: order in which statements are executed
 - march down line by line through file
- Now consider control flow between modules

Client code	Die class methods
int rollResult;	<pre>public int roll()</pre>
myDie.setSides();	1
<pre>rollResult = myDie.roll();</pre>	}
	<pre>public void setSides() { }</pre>

Designing Point: UML • class to represent points in 2D space	<pre>Implementing Point public class Point {</pre>
	}

Formal vs. Actual Parameters

- formal parameter: in declaration of class
- actual parameter: passed in when method is called
- variable names may or may not match
- if parameter is primitive type
 - call by value: value of actual parameter copied into formal parameter when method is called
 - changes made to formal parameter inside method body will not be reflected in actual parameter value outside of method
- if parameter is object: covered later

Scope

- Fields of class are have class scope: accessible to any class member
 - in Die and Point class implementation, fields accessed by all class methods
- Parameters of method and any variables declared within body of method have local scope: accessible only to that method
 - not to any other part of your code
- In general, scope of a variable is block of code within which it is declared
 - block of code is defined by braces { }

Key Topic Summary

Borrowed phrasing from Steve Wolfman

- Generalizing from something concrete
 - fancy name: abstraction
- Hiding the ugly guts from the outside
 - fancy name: encapsulation
- Not letting one part ruin the other part
 - fancy name: modularity
- Breaking down a problem
 - fancy name: functional decomposition